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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ISHII et al.

Serial No.: 09/764,487

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE  
AND DATA PROCESSOR DEVICE

Group: 2824

Examiner: A. Tran

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 10, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, applicants hereby elect the Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a semiconductor memory device. In addition, in response to the election requirement set forth on page 4 of the Office Action, applicants hereby elect the Species A, as shown in Figs 1, 8, 21 and 22. With regard to this, applicants note that claims 1-6 can read on the elected Species A.

In addition, it is noted that claim 1 can also read on the Species F of Figs. 18A and 18B. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is generic to Species A and F, and, accordingly, examination of Species F together with Species A is respectfully requested. Similarly, it is noted that claim 7 is particularly directed to the Species G shown in Figs. 19A and 19B. Claim 7 is also within the elected Group I claims, and Figs. 19A and 19B are closely related to the Species F of Figs. 18A and

18B. As set forth in MPEP 803:

"if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

In the present instance, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7, included with the elected Group I (and covering Species G), falls within the boundaries of MPEP 803 as not requiring substantial additional search or consideration due to its close relationship to Species F directed to Figs. 18A and 18B, noting that generic claim 1 can be read on both Species A and F. In other words, it is respectfully submitted that the examination of claim 7, and, correspondingly, Species G will not require substantial additional search or consideration on the part of the Examiner, and, accordingly, examination of claim 7, together with claims 1-6 is earnestly solicited.

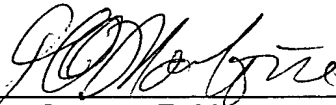
If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.39521X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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